

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Public Reprimand)

of the Educator Certificate of)

Susan A. Hyler)

Certificate # 082775)

CONSENT ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 11, 2004. On October 13 2003, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of hearing regarding the possible suspension or revocation of her certificate to Ms. Susan A. Hyler by certified mail, return receipt requested delivery restricted to addressee. Ms. Hyler received the notice as evidenced by a signed postal receipt bearing her name. Ms. Hyler agreed to resolve the case without a hearing upon the following terms: (1) a public reprimand will be issued by the State Board, (2) she agrees that this public reprimand will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina with the grounds listed as "unprofessional conduct," and (3) this order will be maintained as a public record in the Office of General Counsel of the Department. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand for Ms. Hyler's conduct as agreed to by the parties.

Ms. Hyler holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over twenty-four years of teaching experience. She was under contract with the Darlington County School District (District) for the 2002-2003 school year. Ms. Hyler resigned from the District effective May 24, 2003, after an investigation into the allegations of that she pinned humiliating notes on the backs of her students as a form of discipline. Ms. Hyler claims this was all done in fun and was not intentionally meant to hurt anyone.

Accepted:

Initial Here

Date:

Susan
Hyler
#082775

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The Board finds that the

preponderance of the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause does not exist to revoke or suspend his certificate; however, cause does exist for a Public Reprimand of Ms. Hyler's conduct. Accordingly, the Board issues this Consent Order of Public Reprimand as set forth above.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Mary E. Jones

Dr. Mary E. Jones

Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

August 11, 2004

I, Susan Hyler, SC Teaching Certificate # 082775, do hereby agree to this Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Tuesday, August 11, 2004.

8/4/04
Date

/S/ Susan Hyler
Signature